

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action dated December 19, 2007.

Claim 1 stands rejected under Section 102(b) as being allegedly anticipated by JP '074.

This Section 102(b) rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 as amended requires that: (a) *each of said holding members on each of the opposed members is angled upwardly and has a single finger*, and (b) said pair of opposed members are disposed so as to maintain a predetermined interval to wedge a plurality of flexible substrates in between to hold them in a shape of a curve *so that the flexible substrates contact the opposed members and are bowed upwardly*. The cited art fails to disclose or suggest this subject matter of claim 1.

JP '074 fails to disclose or suggest the above-italicized features of claim 1. In particular, in Fig. 1 of JP '074, all of the holding members are not angled upwardly, and in Fig. 4 of JP '074 the flexible substrates 105 do not contact the opposed members 103. Moreover, in both Fig. 1 and Fig. 4 of JP '074, the panels 5 are bowed downwardly (not upwardly) – which is the opposite of what claim 1 requires. Thus, JP '074 teaches directly away from the invention of claim 1 with respect to the “bowed upwardly” feature.

Moreover, in JP '074, the panel is bowed downwardly by its weight. As a result, the conventional LCD has problems such as flections by its weight, inability or trouble standing independently, and collision of adjacent LCDs. In contrast, claim 1 (and claim 25) require that the flexible substrate (e.g., LCD) is bowed upwardly intentionally, in order to prevent or reduce these problems. The cited art is fundamentally flawed for the aforesaid reasons.

Claim 25 is a method claim, and defines over the cited art for the reasons set forth above with respect to claim 1.

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It is respectfully requested that all rejections be withdrawn. All claims are in condition for allowance. If any minor matter remains to be resolved, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned with regard to the same.

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